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Second Annual Memorial Day Picnic A Great Success!!!

Sunday, May 24th was the date of the second annual FAST Memorial Day picnic. Rain had been predicted, and Monday had been set aside for a rain date, but Sunday came and the day was just fine!

The picnic had been called for 11 A.M., and never really got underway until about 1 P.M., but at about 1 P.M.

lots of people started showing up, and the party really got underway!

Frank once more proved himself to be the finest barbeque chef on the East Coast, and there was always something cooking on the grill for the people who continued to show up thru the day and into the early evening.

Special thanks go to Frank's mom for the delicious salads! NOW we see where Frank got his talent as a chef!

The turnout was great. There were many familiar faces there, and we got to meet some of our D-Dial family for the first time. Among the "new faces" were Eagle, Turbo, Jen, and Poison. We hope to see more of these new people at our upcoming weekly events!!

Ice Maniac showed up for what he called his "yearly appearance" (but



Icarus enjoyed frisbee at the Second Annual Memorial Day picnic.

we're not gonna let him get away with that - he'll be joining us more often now, we're hoping), and he taught some of the crew the fine points of frisbee throwing. Bri was REAL impressed with Meri's great skill at frisbee! He feels that she's SO good that

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Phone Access Fee Proposed

The Federal Communications Commission has proposed a fee that would increase telecommunications charges for such on-line services as Compuserve and The Source.

The price increase would be in the form of a surcharge to such corporations as Tymnet and Telenet. Price increases of as much as \$5.00 an hour, per user to permit these corporations to hook up their computer communications networks to local telephone loop would no doubt be passed along to consumers.

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DCL comes to FAST

By Barbara Nathan

Thanks to "Vampz", the FAST Network is now running the "DCL" (Dual Channel Link) software. Vampz is the programmer who wrote the /I mods, and these mods include the Dual Channel Link.

For FAST, this Dual Channel Link has been a real advantage. We run channels 1 and 2 as our two "shared" channels, here at FAST. (The DCL can be run so that either /T1 and /T2 are "shared" channels, or /T3 and /T4). Naturally, it makes a lot more sense to unite the two public channels, and that is just what we've done.

Helping new users has become a much easier job for us, with the DCL. ONE good co-sysop can get out there and work with all the new people on all

the network stations. This gives our co-sysops real good control in terms of those who would continue to call one station after another always hoping to find a "new face". With the DCL, a co-sysop need only to sit on his or her local /T1 - and the co-sysop will have a good view of the entire network.

Aside from the help it gives us in terms of regulating and helping new callers, the DCL is also fun for our users. I've logged in to see one group talking cars on one channel and another group talking music on the other shared channel. FAST - which can support as many as 24 people online at one time - can take good advantage of this innovation that Vampz has made possible for us.

From all of us here at FAST, to Vampz, "Thanks!"

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Editorial

Basham Addresses Mods

By Barbara Nathan

In this issue of FAST Times, you'll find a reprint of a recent letter sent by Bill Basham (author of Diversi-Dial™) to all D-Dial station owners. We've gotten permission from Basham to reprint this letter, and we think that reading it is a must for any FAST password holder.

In his letter, Basham addresses the mods, as they were, as they stand today. And it's good news.

This issue also includes the commands for the mods that FAST runs. As I have said on numerous occasions

when asked for my opinion of the mods, basically they are just a remote sysop maintenance package.

Basham states his position on the current mods ... and FAST I'm sure will be reassured to hear that Basham himself has no problem with the package as it stands today.

I'm real glad that Basham took the trouble to write his letter, and hope it will do the trick to dispel all the false rumors that have been going around, and let us get back on our way..to building a stronger FAST for all of us.

Do you bowl?

By Brian Haines (aka BrEWStEr)

As you know, every Saturday there is a different event planned for all FAST users. Bowling, which has been the most popular event has been at Astro Lanes, Clifton, (or some other convenient location). Usually there is a good amount of people who show up which makes a success of the event. But have you noticed something strange about this event???

There are not that many people who come and actually bowl. People just sit there and talk about anything BUT bowling, which is fine, but the reason we did go was to bowl. Yes, we have all seen the mob that has gathered in the front of the bowling alley, and it is all

talk and no action. It makes us look like we are a bunch of "burnouts" that hang around and don't do anything. That is one reason why we were kicked out of Echo Lanes a while ago.

Bowling is an event where you can go and play a game or two with people that you have recently met (or haven't met) from FAST. But now, some people just like to come to "hang out" and do not want to be bothered with a silly game that wastes all of your money (which is not at all true).

You can always talk (type) to these people on the computer. You only have ONE day per week to have a game or some other activity with the D-Dial members.

If you bowl, at least you are doing something instead of sitting down all

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Diversi-Dial™ hits the news

By David Modoski

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Diversi-Dial is the latest in growing computer network

Diversi-Dial™ is becoming more and more popular amongst the modeming world. This fascinating program caught so much attention lately that it has been reviewed in the May 1987 issue of A+ magazine (a magazine for apple users). A+ has a national circulation of over 175,000 copies.

Locally, the FAST Network has been churning up some attention, so it seems, from nearby newspapers. Lakeland Today (approx. circulation 35,000), Wayne Today (approx. circulation 15,000) and Dateline Journal (approx. circulation 40,000) ran articles on Sunday, June 7 reviewing the FAST Network and explaining what it is all about. These newspapers listed all of the FAST Network telephone numbers and is a sure way to get some local attention.

Diversi-Dial, which has at one time been for the few modem users who "by chance" caught word of it, is now becoming more widely known. The publicity has made the word Diversi-Dial known to many more who might otherwise have never heard of it.

WAYNE—Most people think of computers as complex machines geared to the minds of the technically oriented. Micro computers, such as Apple, Atari and Commodore, caused quite a sensation about a year or two ago in many homes across America. However, many of these abandoned toys now sit collecting dust in the attics of the people who bought them, only to find the touted micro was of very little use to them in their everyday lives.

What most Americans don't know, however, is that with the addition of a "Modem," (a device that makes it possible for you to hook your own computer up to another person's home computer using your telephone as the "go between,") you can instantly connect your computer into a growing social network.

The network, Diversi-Dial, can be joined with little technical expertise. New Jersey is a particular hotspot for Diversi-Dial.

As of this writing there are six "D-Dial" stations in the Garden State. The local stations, include Frankly Speaking (633-0569), Flash-Talk (743-4850) and Attic Static (654-1680).

All you need is a home computer, a modem and your home telephone. Any local computer store can help you get "on line;" and the cost of the equipment

necessary to get there is minimal.

Your modem will come with instructions, so, before long, you should be experiencing the thrill of hearing your first "carrier signal"—the sound that aids you in knowing when your machine is hooking itself up to another computer.

Once you have reached another modem, there are a few systems that might be at the other end. "Bulletin Board System," is the first possibility, which are home computers owned by individuals. When reached via your own modem and computer, this system is able to read public messages stated by others.

After you have registered at the "BBS," you'll be able to leave electronic mail to others on the system, and read your own mail when you call back in.

That's fun, but there are those who have gone to the further excitement of Diversi-Dial, where you will find yourself on-line with seven or more people at once. Once you become used to the simple commands needed to be part of it all, you'll realize some of the people typing may live right around the corner from you. Moreover, if you don't know the people on your local "D-Dial" station you'll be presented with the opportunity to meet the whole "family" right away, since there are D-Dial

events every week, such as bowling, roller skating, picnics and many more.

The number of the N.J. Diversi-Dial is: Frankly Speaking, Wayne — 633-0569.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS BY GARY B. LITTLE

Software for electronic conferencing and electronic mail DIVERSI-DIAL

Diversi-Dial is an electronic conferencing and electronic mail system for the Apple IIe and IIcs. It works on a 64K II Plus as well, but without the electronic-mail (E-mail) feature. Diversi-Dial (D-Dial) also requires as many internal 300-bps Hayes Microcoms or Apple-Cat II modems (or compatibles) as its operator can afford, up to seven. With a full complement of modems installed, D-Dial is capable of handling eight participants in a simultaneous conference: seven remote callers and the local operator.

The D-Dial software is expensive (\$475), and it requires a significant investment in modems and phone-line installation and monthly charges (A \$5 demo disk is available if you want to sample the software before buying it).

Savvy D-Dial operators can easily recover these costs by selling passwords to the system, however, making the price less of a barrier. The going rate for a one-month password is \$10, so you need only a few steady customers to meet expenses.

About 40 D-Dial systems are already operating around the country. The listing at the end of this article includes some of these stations.

Conferencing

When you first sign onto a D-Dial by entering an assigned password (or pressing Return if you don't have a password yet), you automatically enter a public D-Dial channel, and your presence is announced to other participants. (Public-channel conferences are open to any caller, but there are also private channels on which two callers can have a confidential chat.)

From there you can begin participating in the conference. To send a message to everyone, just type it and press Return. The other participants see the message preceded by a status word indicating who sent it. And, of course, you will see any messages other participants send.

If this procedure sounds easy, it is! About the only conference-related commands a caller might ever want to use are /Tn to switch to a private channel and /S to list the IDs of other members on the system. Help with commands is always a couple of keystrokes away. /? for a summary of all commands and /I for more-detailed help.

Electronic Mail

D-Dial reserves 48K of memory as a post office for electronic mail. The command for sending mail to a



member of the system is /Fnnn<text> where nnn is the ID number of the member. The command for reading mail is /R.

Interestingly, D-Dial never saves its electronic mail to disk. In fact, D-Dial does not need a disk drive at all—the program, caller status, passwords, mail, and everything else stays in memory until you turn off the computer. Not being able to save things permanently to disk is frustrating, especially if you're in an area with frequent power outages, but you'll have to cope.

Linking. The most interesting feature of D-Dial is its ability to link to other D-Dial stations across the country. When a link is set up, all conference activity on one system is transmitted to the linked station. Since the other station may, in turn, be linked to an

I was meeting people from all over just by making one call!

other station, an enormous linked network is possible in which you can communicate with anyone on any station (by conference or E-mail). One session I sampled involved D-Dial stations in Chicago, Las Vegas, San Antonio, Detroit, Houston, Dallas, and a host station in Corpus Christi. I was meeting people from all over the continent just by making one call to Texas!

Linking is an attractive feature for those who are in the local calling range of a D-Dial station, because they have no long-distance toll charges to pay. It is the D-Dial station that pays for the call to a link station in another city. D-Dial operators can minimize telephone charges by using a long-distance calling service called PC Pursuit.

The PC Pursuit service is available from GET Telecom. For a fixed fee of \$25 per month, you can make a modem call (evenings and weekends) to any of 14 major cities through your local Teletext access port. This service makes linking to D-Dial stations in these cities affordable. For more information on PC Pursuit, call (800) 368-4215.

System Operators. I'm convinced the people who enjoy D-Dial the most are the system

operators. They're the ones responsible for maintaining the system, assigning passwords, locking out twit callers, setting parameters, and so on. D-Dial has a rich set of system-support commands for doing all these chores.

Some of the keener operators even publish newsletters for their members. If you join Corpus Christi's Artcurian Outpost at (512) 992-4762, for example, you'll receive Nexus from Artcurian every month. One issue I read announced a weekend campout for Texan D-Dialers, a computer-art contest, and a report on "a group of Yogonis" trying to disrupt another D-Dial system. These people are having fun!

Obviously, the goal of most D-Dial operators is not to make money from password fees but to make friends and have some fun tinkering with the Diversi-DIAL program. D-Dial members like it because they can become involved in large na-

tional conferences without paying the hourly rates of the large commercial information services.

is Diversi-Dial for you? Perhaps the best way to find out is to call one of the D-Dial stations listed below. If you're a system-operator candidate, by all means purchase the \$5 demo disk from Diversified Software.

Gary Little is the developer of Point-to-Point, a communications program for the Apple IIe, IIc, and IIcs published by Pacernet.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Diversi-DIAL
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CURRENT DIVERSI-DIAL STATIONS

To find out if Diversi-Dial is for you, you could call one of the D-Dial systems already operating in this country—some of which are listed alphabetically by state.

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The Call Box Elyria, IL 70121 (312) 744-0762	8199 Chat Line Riverside, MA 02151 (617) 286-0023	Attic-Static Westfield, NJ 07090 (201) 664-1800
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Kaleidoscope Derlin, IL 60559 (312) 908-4822	Interchat North Bergen, NJ 07047 (201) 861-7890	Archdrun Outpost Corpus Christi, TX 78412 (512) 992-4764
		SA Party Line San Antonio, TX 78217 (512) 829-1851
		Interchat Pasadena, TX 77055 (713) 996-0348

FAST Users' Log

Frankly Speaking

000	Frank	040	MacGyver
002	==*Kitten*==	041	Rastus
003	Studd Muffin	042	Slarti
004	Flash	043	Skylark (R)
005	barb	044	Ezrin
006	Ivan	048	Robert
010	Alex	052	Dark Wanderer
011	TK (SG) (hmm)	055	RainDrOp (ILB)
013	Travis!	063	Masora
014	BambSTER (R)	066	TheBountyHunter
015	CANDY	069	perverTED
017	Doctor D	077	Eagle
018	Kipster	082	Icarus
019	Belair	089	Michelle (MTB-LRW)
021	BuD (DaZz LoVe (R)	090	Over Active
023	Camber	092	Datastream
026	Roman (ILS)	111	HotRod(R)
029	Barry	117	Silverfox
035	Johnny Rotten	118	Vampz
038	Pat	222	Onyx & Opal (4evr)
039	peek-a-boo		

Attic-Static

000	Studd Muffin	029	Hungry Kiti
001	Over Active	031	BrEwStEr(AHHA)(R)
003	Pirate Duck	032	Mad Max
004	Flash	033	Lyfe (R)
005	barb	035	Blackjack (SG)
006	Grey (DIENST)	036	Highlander SME
007	Scott LaRock	037	DEER HUNTER (R)
008	NoseJob	038	Centz
009	Glenn	039	"A R E S"
010	cHUCkdUCK	040	The Voyager (tsc)
011	TK (SG) (DIENST)	041	Rastus
012	Sm0l	043	STICK
013	Travis!	050	=IzEr
014	Maverick	052	ULTRA 'UBIE' BOY
015	Nebby	055	Vlad
016	ELIZ (R)	057	LORELEI
017	Cathy	069	ishka bibble
018	sarge	072	Suzy
019	firebird (R)	082	Hi Pocketz
020	Brak	092	--Ed--
021	Sean	100	Obscenity
022	Juicer	118	Vampz
023	Princess Blue	152	Dark Wanderer
025	Cathy & Ruff	222	Onyx & Opal (4evr)
026	LONGSHOT (WYR)		
027) BrO (

Flash-Talk

000	Flash	048	Rosella
001	Over Active	050	Travis!
002	==*Kitten*==	052	Dark Wanderer
003	Studd Muffin	054	CHRONOS
005	barb	057	The Smog #1
006	ivan	058	-Fly-Smog #2-TSP
008	Poison	060	The Arch Mage
009	WireFox	063	Ice Maniac
010	gib	064	Hunter
012	Moonwalker	072	Suzy
013	- Arch Angel -	073	cherokee
017	Sportsman	074	Dooby Clownage
018	Kipster	075	Robin/Dawn
020	Meri da Nympho	082	-The Smog 8-(TSP)
027	Whiz Kid (hhhhmm)	090	Mousey (NCA)
028	Termite	092	(- Data -)
030	Fritz	096	DJ
031	The Trooper	098	Debbie
032	Damned Dan (R)	099	Heavenly Angel
033	Interface (R)	102	Eileene (ELF) (R)
034	Jeg Punk (R)	111	The Smog #8
035	SORCERER	113	Kerrang
039	Cliff	118	Vampz
041	Spock	120	Tough N Stuff
042	Slarti	141	Rastus
045	DJ PhaxXx	222	Onyx & Opal (4evr)

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03	Beyond Reality	NJ	(201) 972-8731
04	Utopia	IL	(312) 925-4879
05	Compu-Chat	MO	(314) 721-2112
06	Out of the Blue	NY	(718) 615-2026
07	First Amendment	NJ	(201) 377-1803
08	Austin Party Line	TX	(512) 892-6521
09	Three Ring Circuit	CT	(203) 926-1557
10	Atlanta Chatline	GA	(404) 922-2428
11	Computer Connection	NV	(702) 734-8724
12	Spenderz: Never Inn	IL	(815) 633-4400
13	Great Beyond	NY	(718) 339-5053
14	Link Line	NY	(716) 823-1409
15	Isle-Chat	NY	(516) 822-0144
16	La-D-Dial	CA	(213) 369-1057
17	Inter-Chat	NJ	(201) 861-7680
19	The ASC11 Connection	IL	(312) 284-6124
21	Fantasia	FL	(305) 777-7580
24	Kaleidoscope	IL	(312) 968-4820
25	Joe's Speak-Ez	NY	(718) 461-1196
26	Acturan Outpost	TX	(512) 992-4782
27	Falken's Maze	NY	(516) 889-8511
28	Philly-Chat	PA	(215) 825-9383
29	Hotel California	CA	(714) 842-7476
31	Party Line	TX	(512) 829-1951
32	Forum	TX	(817) 732-2121
33	Interact	TX	(713) 998-0346
34	Rover M.A.C.	TX	(817) 461-2500
35	Flash-Talk	NJ	(201) 743-4850
36	Kink Haven	IL	(312) 433-7340
38	Call Box	IL	(312) 741-9782
39	Sofia System	CA	(408) 257-1853
40	Frankly Speaking	NJ	(201) 633-0569
41	Attic-Static	NJ	(201) 654-1680
42	ENChat	NY	(718) 891-8099
43	Ritz D-Dial	TX	(713) 568-3693
44	Playpen	PA	(215) 271-9660
50	Cloud Nine	TX	(713) 859-3962
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FAST invades Great Adventure

By Dave Modoski

About the second weekend that Six Flags Great Adventure opened for the season, FAST decided to pay them a visit. This trip was one of the regularly scheduled Saturday events and turned out to be lots of fun and you can bet your grandmother's dentures we're going to be planning many more trips to this wonderful theme park. Ok, here's a run down of the days events:

It's 10 A.M., we're supposed to meet everyone at the fountain inside Great Adventure at 12 noon. No biggie, BUT Frank just got up, and he still has to exercise his taxling skills to go pick up Deep Cuts, Roman, Flash and Suzy (I was already at Frank's house so no need for him to come and get me). We first go off and abduct Deep Cuts from his parents, then we're off to get Suzy and Flash, SUCCESS! Now we're off to Great Adventure...ut oh, Roman! Time to back track a little, and go to Roman's (on the way there, though, we encountered LOTS of traffic and spent 30 minutes cursing people out under our breath). We finally get the whole crew together and we head off to Great Adventure. "Love this D-Dial close-ness."

We arrived at Great Adventure around 1:30 p.m. (a tad late) only to find Longshot and Maverick there (what a disappointment!). We had thought everyone left so we went to get Roman and Suzy's season passes validated, and when we arrived back at the fountain we found a tremendous influx of Diversi users (some of whom we wanted to see, and some of whom we wanted to tie to the tracks of Rolling Thunder (grin)). There were around 10-15 D-Dialers there consisting of (not mentioning previous persons in the article: Pirate Duck, Blue Eyes, Grey, NoseJob, Camber, Billy Muff, Storm Trooper.

We all got together and gave each

A Reminder...

Please remember that ethnic, racial, religious or sexual slurs are not permitted on the FAST Network. We do not discriminate, and want all of our users and guest to feel welcome and comfortable on the network.

other bruises and a couple of bandits kept trying to get everyone wet with their water guns (but local GA Security escorted them out of the park and wouldn't let them re-enter with their weapons). Maverick was "forced" to go on the "Looping Starship" which was his tremendous feat for the day. Although he was totally against and INSISTED he would not like the ride, he wanted to invade this ship at least 3 more times after his departure from his first visit. We all experienced "Ultra Twister" about 5 or 6 times (since the line was so short). This ride turned out to be one of Frank's favorites and we couldn't budge him from this section of the park once we were there.

We spent some time on the water rides such as "Roaring Rapids" and "Log Flume" and we ended up getting soaked to the bone (which WOULD have been nice if it wasn't so cold outside, brrrr.) We also invaded such rides as "Freefall" (we wanted to let Longshot go WITHOUT the shoulder harness, but the crew running the ride didn't think it was such a hot idea, although they DID think about it after trying to communicate with him.) "Lightning Loops" (this turned out to be a fun ride for all except that I couldn't go on it twice in a row without feeling a little queezy), "Bobsled" (boy, I LOVE the seating arrangements on this ride (grin)), "Skylift" (which some of the D-Dialers found interesting since they could throw out little objects and watch gravity take effect).

Do you bowl?

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the time and getting nothing but fat from it. You don't have to be a professional bowler to play. Believe me, hehe, there are many people here who can't bowl but just do it to have FUN ... They get gutter balls (thinking strongly of Attic Master), but at least they tried and participated. I am not saying that each time that you go that you HAVE to bowl, but it looks good and shows that you are not a boring person. You can still go to the lobby and hang around to talk if you want, but there is just so much more fun you can have by participating.

Although once we got there the crowd was split into the FAST rides and conservative rides, we did have a wonderful time at Great Adventure.

Some of the D-Dialers came down with accute cases of frost bite (due to the lack of warmth and abundance of water) and were thankful to find that they had a place to go afterwards. A lot of us stopped by to pay Carolyn a visit and she welcomed us with warmth, food, entertainment, and a place to rest. We thank Carolyn, from the bottom of our little hearts, for being so wonderful as to invite us down (and put up with some of the idiots). This event was great because the people who participated made it that way. We thank you all. Also, don't feel left out, we will have many more trips to Great Adventure and perhaps to Action Park.

Memorial Day Picnic

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she better play on the team OPPOSITE him for upcoming games. Bri - "Whoa! Look how Meri plays frisbee. She's not playing on MY team next time! The other team can HAVE her!!!"

Plans are underway now for more picnics throughout the summer, so keep watching /M8 on the stations, and before you know it, we'll be smelling hamburgers cooking, and ducking frisbees once again!!

Once more, SPECIAL thanks to our own Frank, for his efforts on our behalf AND to all the users that showed up and made this event such a BIG success.

A Quote to a Special Friend:

"Like an eagle I will soar above the clouds, I will spread my wings and fly into the sun. Like an eagle I will race upon the stars. I will go to places yet unseen, go beyond my wildest dream, know that you are watching over me..."

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Fast Word Search

By Dave Grabowski (aka TK)

There are a total of 40 words which are all Diversi-Dial™ related (handles, slogans, etc.). Circle and find all 40. Answers will appear in the next issue of FAST Times.

H W E S T F I E L D E Q S R R G
L O L O B E S B O W L I N G Y T
B L F R A N K H E L Y T E Z R N
L L H E R R N E Z A R P U A O F
O A U E B L I T R A L S E M T F
N W D E N A L R S T Y O E E N U
G S U P E R C O T N U I G R P R
S K M T E Y U K Y E H H H I X Y
H Y O O B C E D L D A E K P N L
O L D G F L A S H O N R P B E L
T A Z H M L W H W R G C R V A I
W R D L E I F M O O L B M N K B
G K J K P A S S W O R D L M C U
W A Y N E V C H A N N E L W O E
Z Y B S T U D D M U F F I N W C
E M A I L B N E L O C K T S A F

Users contribute to FAST Times

In previous issues of FAST Times we have always welcomed articles (as well as other creative works) to be

submitted and looked over for entry into the newsletter. However, the response to this invitation was minimal, in fact no one, until recently, had submitted anything. For this issue of FAST Times we have two users who have offered their time and expertise to add to the newsletter an article and a puzzle. TK (Dave Grabowski) spent a good deal of time creating his word search to keep the readers of FAST Times busy finding D-Dial related words, while Brewster (Brian Haines) entertains the readers with his article on our infamous event, D-Dial bowling.

Thanks go to Dave and Brian for their help with the newsletter.

We can't promise that we will get all the submitted articles, puzzles and whatever else you may submit into the newsletter, but it couldn't hurt to send something in and give it a try. We will try to do our best to accommodate your work in FAST Times. Keep in mind when submitting something to us, the MORE interesting and entertaining your work is, the MORE of a chance you will have of seeing it appear in the newsletter.

Basham comments on Mods

The following article was a message to all Sysops from Bill Basham (author of Diversi-Dial™) issued on April 24, 1987.

FAST Times has received Basham's permission to reprint this article.

Modification Policy

I allow you to modify your Diversi-Dial as long as you realize that I cannot answer questions about problems with a modified station. Furthermore, any modifications you make must not be offensive to users, or other station owners, because of the link network.

In particular, it must not be possible for anyone to see messages which users think are private. That is, your modifications must not allow anyone to read /P messages, or conversations on "Private" channels. I will not support or provide updates to any station which reads private messages. If you do this, I guarantee you will lose all your users anyway, so you won't need updates!

Initially, the "Vampz" modifications did allow the reading of private messages, which caused a lot of trouble. I have now been assured that these modifications have been revised, and do not allow reading /P's. I ask all sysops to believe this, and to stop suggesting that these stations can read /P's.

If you are considering getting the Vampz mods, remember that they won't work with Diversi-Dial updates at first. Every time I do an update, he will have to do an update. As long as you know what you're getting, I have no objection to anyone using these modifications at present.

Finally, I hope you will strongly discourage your users from harassing other system operators. This will only lead to counter-harassment of your station, and you will lose your users. It is good business to get along with your fellow sysops, and it will make Diversi-Dial a lot more fun for all.

So let's all work together to make the Diversi-Dial network a better place to call. Thanks for your help.

HAPPY D-DIALING
Bill Basham



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Mod Command Summary

User Commands:

/CW	Call Waiting Saver
/I	Instruction Menu
/I1	PASSWORDS
/I2	Channels
/S#	Condensed /s

System Powers:

/RnD	Dual Channel Link
/RnP	Private Chat
/U-983	No Login Message
/UB983	Login Message (unlocked only)
/U+983	Login Message (locked or unlocked)

Master Powers:

/I(Master)	Enter Sysop Mode
/I#nnn	Display Current Password
/I-	Exit Sysop Mode
/I/(command)	Force command to slot #0
/I:(message)	Enter Login Message
/ICxxxx	Set Total Calls
/IDxxx	Enter Daily Calls
/IMn	Set Locked System /MZ
/IN(master)	Enter /N Password
/IQ(system)	Enter /Q Password
/IQ=(passwords)	Enter secondary passwords
/IQ(master)	Display secondary passwords
/ISnn	Set /SP interval
/RnK	Toggle /k Immunity
/SP shows the status character and channel # of each caller.	

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Guest Passwords Issued on FAST

By Barbara Nathan

Starting about a month ago, the FAST Network began making guest passwords available to those who qualify for them.

In order to be eligible for a free guest password you need to be new to Diversi-Dial. We feel that for a bonafide new user a guest password is a very nice way to get to know what D-Dial is all about. Having a guest password gives a new user the opportunity to be a part of the "family" right from the beginning.

Instead of spending his or her time online "begging for /V's" - the new user can get right in there and get the feel of what D-Dial is really like.

Guest passwords are issued for two week periods, and differ from full passwords in a few ways.

- With a guest password you need to enter your handle each time you call In.

- Guest password holders time out in 10 minutes if the system is full, rather than the 40 minutes of online time per call a regular password holder gets.

- Guest passwords permit the bearer to receive email, but not to send it. (Regular passwords of course permit receiving or sending of email.)

Even with the above restrictions, the guest password still gives the new user a feel of what D-Dial is really like.

So far the guest passwords have been very well received, and many of our "guest password" holders have already become regular password holders since this new plan took effect.

FAST intends to continue issuing these free 2 week accounts, so if you know of anyone who hasn't called D-Dial, and think they might be interested in seeing what we're all about, invite them to the network to visit. If I'm around, or if one of the station owners, or Kip or Ice Maniac are online, just let us know you've got someone new on-line, and we'll take their information and get them a free two week trial password.

Diversi-Dial Convention in Texas

This gathering of D-Dialers and Diversi-Dial™ sysops from around the country is becoming known as the "Diversi-Dial Convention." The fun starts Friday, July 3rd where everyone will meet at a hotel room. You'll get to encounter other life forms from other states, and perhaps meet new friends (or old ones you never met.) On Saturday, around noon, you will go to the Omni Theatre, a 70 mm, to see a movie entitled "The Dream is Alive." Discount rates will be available soon. After the presentation you are invited to Bull's (a RMAC user) house for a pool party to cool down (c'mon, this is Texas, if you're from the east you'll NEED it...(grin)). A trip to Six Flags is also in the planning stage.

Group rates at the Holiday Inn for the July 4th weekend are \$39 per person, per night. If you need more information you can call (817) 589-1717 (Monday

thru Friday 8 A.M. - 6 P.M., Saturday 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. Central Time) and ask for Tammi. Tell her you would like information about the "RMAC Communications weekend!" otherwise she might not know what you are talking about.

This convention promises to be an exciting gathering for those who attend. You will meet others from all around the country you might otherwise never have met, and you will have a good time doing so. The days are plan packed with excitement, and the crowd will be warm and welcoming. If you have funds I highly suggest you go and make yourself part of this wonderful happening! I would like to thank all the co-sysops on RMAC and on the Party Line who volunteered their help and patience to get us this information. We hope in the next issue of FAST Times we will be able to bring you a follow-up story and photographs.

It's easy and convenient to use this order form to order your next month's password on Frankly Speaking, Flash-Talk and/or Attic-Static. Fill out the form below and mail with your check, money order or cash to the Diversi-Dial™ of your choice:

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